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# City of Barrie

## Final

## Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

**Thursday, June 8, 2023** | **5:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT
### For consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on September 20, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, A.M. Kungl at 5:31 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 10 - Councillor A.M. Kungl
Councillor B. Hamilton
N. Flinn
L. Hoffarth
K. MacLeod - SMDHU
D. McKeown - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
S. Schwartz - Living Green
W. Steimle
E. vanWesenbeeck

**Absent:** 2 - J. Bourne
D. Waters

**STAFF:**
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Rankin
Manager of Parks Planning, K. Bradley
Senior Project Manager of Transportation Planning, B. Gratrix.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and discussed the following:

**PRESENTATION CONCERNING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Brett Gratrix, Senior Project Manager, Development Services Department provided a presentation concerning Active Transportation Planning and Implementation Update.

Mr. Gratrix discussed slides concerning the following:

- The City's policies, standards and direction;
- The City's Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plans between 2014 and 2026;
- The pedestrian infrastructure implementation;
- A summary of the following cycling infrastructure implementation streams:
  - Capital Projects - Growth;
  - Capital Projects - Renewal;
  - Capital Projects - Subdivisions; and
  - Retrofits.
- Maps illustrating the following:
  - 2019 Transportation Master Plan Active Transportation Primary Mode; and
  - 2023 Cycling Network.
- The upcoming transportation projects; and
- The key considerations.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Gratrix and received responses.

**CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION UPDATE**

Adam McMullin, Manager of Energy Management provided an update concerning Climate Change Mitigation. He provided an overview of the Electrify Barrie program, and its purpose to build on the initiatives of the City related electric vehicle charging stations on municipal property and electrifying the Barrie Transit Fleet.

Mr. McMullin provided an outline of the City's Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plan, the actions, and strategies to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community. He discussed Bill 23*, the More Homes Built Faster Act,* and the green development standard and retrofit program.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. McMullin related to climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emission, and electric vehicles.

**PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW AND ECOLOGICAL OFFSETTING REVIEW**

Kevin Rankin, Manager of Parks and Forestry provided an update concerning motion 23-G-082, Private Tree By-law and Ecological Offsetting Review. He commented on the consultation process, ecological offsetting fees, woodlots, and Bill 023, *the More Homes Act, 2022*, and the impact to local conservation authorities and their ecological offsetting fees.

Mr. Rankin advised that City Council adopted motion 23-G-082, to amend the Private Tree By-law 2014-115 to add the definition for Certified Arborist and amend Fees By-law 2023-023 to add Ecological Offsetting fees.

**2023 WORK PLAN**

There was no discussion concerning the 2023 Work Plan.

**BIKE THE NIGHT EVENT**

Steve Schwartz discussed Living Green hosting the 2023 Bike the Night event. He advised that the organization are still discussing the event, and maybe potentially looking for volunteers from the Committee to assist with the event.

**EVENTS/UPDATES**

No events or updates were discussed.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Committee discussed the 2023 meeting schedule and agreed to continue meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

CHAIRMAN